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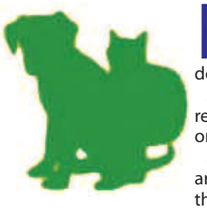

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CREATIVE TALENT : Winning student teams with their garden creations

Students get down to earth

By Marion Draper

YEAR seven technical design students at Maiden Beech School, Crewkerne, received special certificates for their efforts, awarded by teacher Matt Brunt from Wadham School and the top team won a £20 gift voucher, sponsored by Countrywide.

In September last year the pupils were given a design challenge to put some excitement and fun back into the meadow area near the year eight playground.

They had to design and make a garden items that either served a purpose or acted as attractive garden ornaments. They researched items currently on the market such as bird boxes and wrote up their own specifications, working in groups of three to four to put their ideas together and co-operating to get developments down on paper. Prizes were awarded for effort, quality of work, innovation and team work.

During the eight-week project, they learned new skills and used tools under the supervision of subject teacher Jack Flatt and technician Kim Manuel. The teams had just six practical lessons and the children also asked local companies to help with materials and resources and would like to thank CK Harwoods and Bradfords of Crewkerne for their supplies and Countrywide for their sponsorship of the project.

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Burglary appeal

POLICE are appealing for information following a burglary in Flax Row, Crewkerne. Sometime between 11.45am and 9pm on Sunday, November 14th, entry was forced into a ground floor flat and a television was stolen.

Police would like to hear from anyone who may have any information about the incident or who may have seen anything suspicious in the area.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Avon and Somerset Police on 0845 456 7000 or Crimestoppers in confidence in 0800 555111.

Parking provision

CREWKERNE town councillors have been monitoring the use of the town's car parks to assist in estimating the present and future availability of spaces.

District councillors Angie Singleton and Mike Best will be discussing parking provision in Crewkerne at the district council this month, due to the long stay car park at Henhayes being removed early next year.

Fancy dress

CREWKERNE Christmas Committee Children's Fancy Dress Competition will take place at the Annual Lighting Up Event on Friday, November 26th.

Entry is free and the theme this year is 'Snow & Ice', open to children in two age groups 0-3 years and 4-8 years. Entry forms are available now from the Town Hall, Market Square or Red Cross Shop, Falkland Square. Further information from Jo Hampshire on 78588.

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Photo competition

TO COINCIDE with the High Street photographic archive display Turn Back Time in the Guildhall, Chard Museum in conjunction with Chard Camera Club is challenging photographers to submit well composed and evocative examples of modern scenes of Chard town shops worthy of archiving for future generations.

Entries may be either of a specific shop(s) or a general street view, monochrome or colour. Up to ten examples from any one entrant will be accepted. There is no lower age limit but photographs must be the entrant's own work. Pictures may be digital or, from a negative, printed to approximately A4 which should have the entrant's full name, address and other contact details on the reverse.

The closing date for entries is April 4th, 2011, and prints should be sent to Chard Museum, Godworthy House, High Street, Chard, TA20 1QB with a stamped addressed envelope for receipt to be acknowledged; digital entries (2MB maximum please) may be emailed to info@chardmuseum.co.uk. All entries will be displayed at Chard Museum in May 2011. Prints will not be returned but may be collected from the museum, if desired, after the exhibition.

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■ COLOURFUL SMILES: Chard School Year 5 with their bookmarks for Croatia

Bookmarks for Croatia

CHARD School pupils from years 4 and 5 have designed and made bookmarks to send to pupils in Croatia.

They were asked to send bookmarks to two schools near the country's capital, Zagreb.

The pupils made bookmarks, painted in watercolours and decorated with images of activities they enjoy doing.

These were sent with a card, which was also made by the pupils, containing pictures of them and the school. As an independent day school, the pupils come from across the Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster area and beyond.

■ LONG GREETING: Chard School Year 4 pupils - Olivia Lucas from Crewkerne, Jemima Blomfield from Merriott, Thomas Scamell from Kingstone and Thomas Float from Buckland St Mary.

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MP protests over recycling centre closure

DAVID Laws, MP for Yeovil Constituency, has criticised the decision by Somerset County Council to close the household waste recycling centre at Blacknell Lane, Crewkerne.

He said: "I am very concerned. This means that the nearest recycling centre for Crewkerne residents will be in either Chard or Yeovil - a journey of at least 15 miles as a round trip.

"I fear that this will deter local residents from recycling and we will be forced to make increased use of local landfill sites instead. This would be a huge step back in promoting recycling in our area and will actually increase costs for the council in the long-run, as they will have to pay more in landfill taxes.

"I am also particularly worried that losing this centre will lead to an increase in fly-tipping around Crewkerne.

"I have raised my concerns with Ken Maddock, the leader of Somerset County Council, and will be campaigning for this decision to be reversed. While there is a need to cut costs in these difficult economic times, this particular decision is ill-thought out and could have damaging consequences for the future.

"Local people have really played their part in protecting the environment and taking on recycling in recent years. It would be hugely detrimental to see all that hard work destroyed by such a short-sighted decision."

The recycling centre is planned to be one of the first recycling centres to be closed as part of Somerset County Council's drive to cut costs.

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After leaving his well-known family business at Goose Slade Farm in East Coker and studying for an HND in Agricultural Management at Cannington College, Dan took his expertise and put together an ambitious business plan for the future of Whitney Farm. In 2007 Dan and Sarah applied with approximately 60 other ambitious young farmers and were successful in being offered the tenancy by the council. Dan said "I was really pleased to be offered the opportunity to run my own farm in Somerset. It is a really difficult business to get into at my age."

At Whitney Farm, Dan and Sarah have set up a business rearing geese as well as native breeds of cattle. In their first year Dan and Sarah managed to sell their total flock of 1000 geese and are also selling special beef boxes to satisfy local demand. "My grandfather was a goose farmer, and also my dad and brother and now I'm carrying on the tradition."

This year the aspiring couple want to do better than ever and bring in a new customer base who respect the traditional methods of rearing required to produce such a tasty, healthy range of meat and poultry. Dan said: "I've been rearing geese my whole life so now I'm really pleased I'm able to rear my own. The geese from Whitney Farm are fed with locally grown corn and reared using traditional methods, everything here is free range and we can offer complete traceability."

Despite the rising cost of running a farm and the fact that goose feed has nearly doubled in price the Dunnings have held their goose prices to help those struggling in the current financial climate. By buying straight from Whitney Farm, customers are guaranteed quality and taste and can be sure that the animals have been reared with high welfare standards. Dan said "We like all our animals to have a really good and happy life here at Whitney Farm."

Council vows to improve markets

By Marion Draper

MARKETS in Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster look set for a brighter future if a recommendation for a £20,000 improvement fund and the creation of a hardworking steering group is approved.

South Somerset District Council is proposing the two actions as part of its work to reinvigorate the three markets and to create a vibrant market town atmosphere in each of the town centres, addressing a decline in the number of pitches being taken up by traders over the past few years.

Zoe Harris, Community Regeneration Officer for South Somerset District Council explained: "The group's main task will be to look at how we can improve promotion, publicity, the range of stalls, the overall look and location of the markets in more detail and decide exactly how they will be addressed.

"These markets are important to our economy, to our town centres and to the traditional market town atmosphere much loved by local people. As such, we are keen to see them improve and thrive once again.

"We are recommending that a dedicated improvement group is set up as soon as possible, made up of people who have a strong desire to bring about change and reinvigorate these markets. It could be people from the business community, tourism or local regeneration groups and the town and district councils, and market traders.

> ‘It's about upping the image, helping the traders’

"We also believe an injection of funding could go a really long way and we are also proposing that money is set aside specifically for this group to allocate for improvement projects, or to use to lever in additional grant funding."

If approved by councillors this week, the group will be set up and will draw up an 18-month improvement plan which will then be carried forward in partnership.

Councillor Mike Best, Deputy Area West Chairman for South Somerset District Council added: "Markets play an important role in all three of the towns but they have been struggling.

"I think a new group and a new initiative behind the markets will be really beneficial. There are other established markets in this area that are flagships for their communities. It's about upping the image, helping the traders, getting the correct location and equipment. Everyone has the desire to improve the markets and we want them to continue to be something the towns can be proud of."

In Harmony with the troops

DOING THEIR BIT: FO Alex Jupp, Lance Corporal Harry Charles, Vicki Jupp, Neil Sturtivant Mayor of Crewkerne, Marcus Barrett President of Crewkerne Chamber of Trade, Wendy Langly, Julie Swatton, Jacqui Bucke,Karen and Ann-Marie Silsby.

HARMONY Health and Beauty salon in Crewkerne would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising open day on Saturday, November 13th, in support of Help for Heroes which raised £569.07.

Proprietor Julie Swatton engaged the support of two local members of the services, Lance Corporal Harry Charles of 7th Air Assault Battalion based in RAF Wattisham, Suffolk, and Flying Officer Alex Jupp of 33 Squadron RAF, based at RAF Benson in Oxfordshire. Both men grew up in Crewkerne and attended local schools. They were happy to help, and stood with collection buckets outside the salon in Market Street. The Mayor, Councillor Neil Sturtivant and president of Crewkerne chamber of trade, Marcus Barrett, came to the opening to lend their support.

The various specialist practitioners all provided taster treatments for a nominal £10 a session, donating all proceeds to Help for Heroes. There was also a raffle.

The taster facial provided by Julie herself was a relaxing treat that definitely left clients wanting more and would be an ideal gift to get for someone who is hard to buy a present for.

The open day attracted men as well as women and more than one new customer expressed pleasant surprise as they left. Julie said: "We just wanted to do something to help, and being so close to Armistice Day, we have had an amazing turnout."

Remembrance in Crewkerne - see page 7

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A soldier's lament in Chard

Remembrance Day reporting and photos by Marion Draper

■ FAITHFUL MEMBER: RBL President Arthur Helbert

■ FIRST RESPECT: Councillors Dave Bulmer, Jill Shortland and Garry Shortland lay the first wreaths

■ RESPECTFUL YOUTH: Chard Scouts pay their respects

■ FAMILY HISTORY: Five-year-old Joshua Boarder and seven-year-old Lewis Collinson wearing family medals

WHILE the churchyard full of people stood silent at 11am on Remembrance Sunday in Chard, a baby could be heard crying, picked up from inside St Mary's Church by the public address system. It was a poignant reminder of the solemn occasion.

The day was cold and damp but the heavy rain stayed away long enough for the Act of Remembrance to go ahead, led by the Reverend Sue Tucker. Army and air cadets stood fast at their posts around the war memorial while the wreaths were laid by the various clubs and societies of the town. Branch Chairman John Gudge represented the Royal British Legion while President Arthur Helbert had been prepared for the exhortation, unfortunately his hesitation led to being pre-empted by the vicar.

There were a great number of young people from the scouts and guides as well as the carnival queen and princess among those paying their respects. Some of the children were wearing the medals of their relatives. like five-year-old Joshua Boarder who was proud to be sporting those of his great grandfather Jim Brown. Beaver Lewis Colinson, aged seven, was wearing one from his great, great grandfather.

As part of the church service that followed, warden John White read a poem about the Glorious 7th, the Somerset regiment almost wiped out in the trenches of the First Wold War of which his grandfather had been a member. His words painted a vivid picture of life in the trenches: "No birds abound this woodland, no leaves bedeck the trees, November's grey and misty shroud is all a soldier sees. No brass bands a blowing here, no flags or bunting high, just tramping boots the music as we march to fight and die. Soon another dug out further up the line, death's shadow for a tablecloth, on bully beef we dine. Someone hums a love song, in every eye a tear, each a cherished memory of loved ones ever near."

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■ ANNUAL TRADITION:The Mayor and Sergeant Greg Power prepare to lay wreaths at the Severalls memorial

■ FIRST ARRIVALS : Members of the RBL,president of Crewkerne Lions Nigel Bussell, Army Cadets,David Holmes and Lion Cecil Turner first of many at the church

Extra memorials in Crewkerne

REMEMBRANCE Sunday in Crewkerne this year saw special additions to the annual services.

The parade in Severalls Park Avenue at 10am, conducted by Major Jonathan Crease of the Army Cadet Force was longer than in previous years. The small group of members of the Royal British Legion together with the Mayor, Councillor Neil Sturtivant, held a short service taken by the Reverend Stephen Gray at the end of the road. They then marched through the Avenue of memorial chestnut trees and past the new memorial bollards as army cadets planted crosses at the base of each bollard.

The traditional service at the World War I memorial followed, with wreaths being laid by RBL chairman Gary Pennels and Police Sergeant Greg Power.

At 10.45 townspeople gathered at St Bartholomew's churchyard in the rain to see the many wreaths laid by representatives from all the various clubs, societies and volunteer groups and respect the two minutes' silence. A church service followed at which the names were read of all the fallen from Crewkerne and who had attended Crewkerne Grammar School.

After the church service the Reverend Michael Gallagher joined the Old Crewkernians in the church hall. The Old boys of Crewkerne Grammar School which is now Wadham Community School, meet every year in the hall where the Roll of Honour from De Combe House was mounted after the building was sold for housing.

They gathered this year for the unveiling by president Rex Beable of a special photograph of a stained glass window depicting school's founder John De Combe mounted on canvas. The headteacher of Wadham School, David Derbyshire and two students were present for the brief ceremony. The original window was which was gifted in 1883 by the then clerk to the governors, William Sparks, was removed from the old school building in the 1970s and taken to Coombe Farm the ancestral home of the family. The photograph was taken by Mike Slade with kind permission from the owners Mr and Mrs Clark and will remain on the wall of the church hall together with the Roll of Honour, a portrait of John De Combe, and their 100th anniversary plaque.

■ ADDITIONAL REMINDER: Members of the Old Crewkernians Association with headteacher David Derbyshire and pupils from Wadham Shool

FALKLAND Square in Crewkerne was packed with people attending the Armistice Day commemoration on Thursday, November 11th, the largest gathering for several years.

The service was also attended by the Mayor, Councillor Neil Sturtivant, WO2 Alcock, PO Cooper and LA Landsdowne, representatives of 845 Squadron. The squadron is affiliated to the Crewkerne branch of the Royal British Legion and laid a wreath alongside the Mayor.

The bugler was Rodney Dalwood from the Stoke Band and the standard was carried by Ian McDougall with Legion member Terry Austin speaking the exhortation.

Chaplain, the Reverend Stephen Gray led the prayers.

RBL branch Chairman Gary Pennels was very pleased with the attendance by the public this year. He was also thankful to Claire Singleton of Fitting Pretty who borrowed flags from him to dress her window adjacent to the Roll of Honour. He commented that "the guys up there would have liked it".

Past and present conflicts remembered in Ilminster

■ PROUD TO PARTICIPATE: Ilminster scouts and (below) air cadets in the parade

■ PRIVATE THOUGHTS: Joan Olds from the RNLI and Wadham School students Helena Alcock and Liam Watkins

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DAMP grey weather marked the Remembrance parade to the church of St Mary in Ilminster on Sunday.

Army and air cadets, together with the scouts made the traditional march from Frog Lane to the church for the 3pm service attended by servicemen, veterans, dignitaries and local clubs and societies, representing three generations all brought together to remember the dead from conflicts past and present.

In his sermon the Reverend Alastair Wallace told the stories of the extraordinary courage of the first three women in the British armed forces to receive the military cross . He said: "In recent years there has been a growing feeling that the armed services have preserved values which civilian society is in danger of losing or has already lost. The society that shrugs its shoulders and says 'whatever' doesn't stand up for good and doesn't oppose things that are bad because nothing is that important.

"In the long run what will honour the sacrifices that we remember today will not just be our generosity in giving but our willingness, all of us to take on the hard daily slog of creating a society that honour the values those men and women lived for and died for."

After the service wreaths were laid at the memorial in the churchyard and the last post played by Councillor Paul Whaites. Men from 6th Batallion the Rifles laid wreaths for Private Jonathan Kitulagoda, Sergeant Chris Reed and Rifleman Mark Marshall who had all lost their lives in Afghanistan over the last few years.

The parade reformed with the addition of the Stoke Sub Hamdon Band who had played in the church, standard bearer, veterans, the Brownies and others who wished to walk with them. The parade went from the church along Silver Street and Ditton Street and into Canal Way where the VIPs: MP David Laws; Brigadier Alastair Fyfe DL; The Mayor Councillor Richard Beardon; the High Sheriff of Somerset Patricia Hunt and Lieutenant Commander John Gunn from RNAS Yeovilton lined up to take the salute.

■ FOR THE TOWN: The Mayor of Ilminster Councillor Richard Beardon

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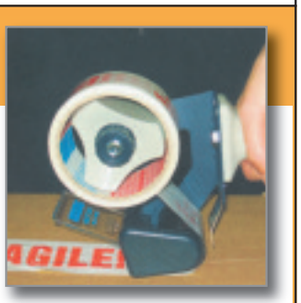

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Precious memories of soldiers past

By Marion Draper

■ JOHN White with his family wartime memorabilia

CHURCH warden John White holds dear some very special wartime memorabilia from his family.

He has a large framed photograph of his maternal grandfather, Private Walter Stacey, who served in the 7th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry during the First Wold War, until its near annihilation in the battle of Cambrai on November 30th, 1917.

By the war's end, the Somersets were to lose nearly 5,000 men. In late November 1917 they were down to 404 men and found themselves at a pivotal point, supporting a massive tank attack, holding their ground despite low flying enemy aircraft.

There is no known grave for Mr White's grandfather who lost his life along with the other 332 ranks and 12 officers who died that day. They rest near Lateau Wood, as Mr White said: "Truly in some corner of a foreign field that is forever England."

Another precious heirloom is a letter, written by his great uncle Ernest Bawdon who also has no grave, having died on the Somme. The letter was written to his parents and to Mr White. It was obvious his great uncle knew it was his last, it reads: "Wishing you all good bye forever" and the nine kisses were scribed so deeply into the paper as to express the passion and desperation of a man knowing he was about to die.

In his exploration of the family history, Mr White also found another letter from his great uncle which placed him at the infamous Christmas Day truce in the trenches. He wrote: "We had rather a lively time on Christmas Eve, we had plenty of rum and cigarettes and the Germans was playing 'There's No Place Like Home'. But Christmas morning, they came out of the trenches to us and brought over fags, cigars,whiskey and rum and shook hands with us.

"They said if we did not fire, they would not. They also said when they was forced to fire they would let off three volleys in the air to give us warning. But I think they got relieved as on the third day, the sniping started again."

Mr White commented: "His account is a remarkable piece of history, many have recorded it but few have seen it like this, through the eyes of a simple private soldier who was there, amongst that hell on earth.

"How comforting and evocative it must have been to hear the musical strains of 'There's No Place Like Home' drifting across No Man's Land on Christmas Eve. To meet the enemy on Christmas morning, exchange gifts and shake hands must surely have been an emotional experience that beggared belief as an example of the true meaning of the Christmas message 'Peace on Earth Goodwill to all Men'."

Private Bawton was shot by a sniper while tending two officers in No Man's Land where he rests to this day. Mr White concluded: "He is not just another soldier lost in that great conflict, for the knowledge that he gave his life to help others must have been comforting for his mother, as it is for me and his name will be etched on my heart forever."

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MEAT loving Ian White is foregoing one or two of his roast dinners for the next few months as he trains himself up for the 2011 London Marathon in April.

Although a Yeovil man, 42-year-old Ian is a traditional butcher working at Barleymow's Farm Shop on the hill overlooking Chard. The staff and customers are giving him full support for his fundraising for Help For Heroes and local charity SURE, which started in October to coincide with the commencement of his serious training. Events are planned alongside his marathon to raise as much as possible for the worthy causes and Ian , who is no sportsman, has embraced his task logically and with a great deal of research.

● **WHAT do you like about working at Barleymow's?**

Having worked in supermarkets, I love the whole atmosphere of the place, the traditional way we prepare the meat, where people can see us working. I love the interaction with the customers and the food in the restaurant, using the meat we prepare, is extremely good.

● **WERE you a butcher straight from school?**

Yes I have worked in a butchers since I was 13, as an apprentice in different shops. It's in the family, both my brothers are butchers and one of my grandads was. I did have my own business for eight years, with a partner, supplying food to retail outlets and employed 16 people at one stage but despite our hard work ,we couldn't make it pay so I came back to butchery.

● **WHAT do you mean by traditional butcher?**

It is a very underrated job these days. A traditional butcher will know how to break down a complete carcass. A lot of the supermarkets only provide boxes of parts of the animal they have to work with. I am proud to know the process right from start to finish, including advising the customer on how to cook it. It surprises me how many people in their sixties ask how to cook something. We trim a lot more fat off than we did 20 years ago because people think it's bad and don't realise it helps the flavour and moisture and you can drain it off afterwards.

● **WHAT is your favourite cut of meat?**

I like the brisket, it is a very underrated cut and if cooked correctly for the right amount of time has more flavour than a good sirloin. Most butchers will tell you the cheaper cuts have the best flavour but people aren't home all day to cook them now. They want mince and quick dishes.

● **WHY did you decide to run the marathon?**

I wanted to set myself a mental and physical challenge and had watched it on TV and thought I would like to do it one day. Self- motivation is one thing but having a definite goal to achieve is better. When I applied I was surprised to get in but I think they have expanded the single entries now. When that pack comes through the door your attitude changes and you know you have to do it, whatever the weather.

● **HAVE you always kept fit?**

I used to go to the gym before the kids were born, I have two boys 14 and 8, but life gets in the way sometimes. I do play golf and butchery is a physical job but this is the first time I have done running. After this I want to do the Help For Heroes climb of Mount Kilmanjero. My wife wants to go as well.

● **HAVE you changed your diet?**

Yes I have increased my carbohydrates and decreased my protein. The restaurant here keep bringing us little nibbles, I had to turn down a Pavlova the other day but I am not being a monk about it. I am much more mindful about how food works as an energy and starting to understand the science of how to fuel a body that is working constantly for four to five hours. I have done a lot of research and so far have managed to avoid muscle stiffness.

● **WHY did you choose those two charities?**

My eldest son is an air cadet and I'm impressed with what Help For Heroes is trying to do. We are a nation of busy people with our own lives to lead and can be a bit blasé about what is going on within the forces. I have lost family members to cancer and my father-in-law. A family member of the owners of Barleymow's is undergoing treatment at the Beacon Centre in Taunton. SURE raises money for the equipment they use there.

● **WHAT else are you planning to raise the money?**

We have a bingo night at Barleymow's then we want to do a Christmas squares raffle for a top prize which we are still working on. Then in January/February there will be Ian's marathon quiz and an Easter event which may fall after my run. The support they are giving me here is fantastic.

● **IF you could bump into anyone famous on the run who would it be?**

I'd like to meet Sir Alan Sugar, he's lost a lot of weight lately and has been cycle training. He's had failure and success and I like what he does. The other would be Gordon Ramsey, I love his whole demeanour to be in a position where he is so good that he advises someone and even though they don't like what he says, they know he's right.

● **WHAT is your philosophy?**

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PLAYING UP: The children enjoy being elves in Santa's workshop

OFFICIALLY OPEN: Jill King cuts the ribbon on the new Rainbow Room at Neroche Primary School

HAPPY MEMORIES: Mrs King reads her poem of inspiration to the children

By Marion Draper

NEWLY retired teacher, Jill King, returned to Neroche Primary School as a special guest recently to cut the ribbon of the Rainbow Room, a newly equipped area just for role play.

Mrs King was delighted to be asked and said the room had always been her favourite to teach in during her 26 years at the school.

The children enjoyed showing off their new equipment which included a shop area with items to put in baskets and a counter with a till and telephone. Colourful curtains had been provided by Sarah O'Malley, one of the parents for which the school was very grateful. The favourite area was Santa's workshop where they could put on elf coats and hats and wrap presents.

Mrs King met the rest of the new children and read them a poem that she had always kept by her computer to help her prepare for lessons. She said she didn't know who it was by but it had always inspired her: "I like to look and listen, I need to touch and try, I want to smell and sample and ask the questions why. Give me time to wonder, to imagine and pretend. Space to run and bend and stretch, share secrets with a friend. I want to hold and handle, I must play to understand, for I need to know so many things, to find out who I am."

Seeing all the eager faces around her, Mrs King said she really missed the children, especially with Christmas coming and was wondering if she had retired too soon. The school has invited her back to enjoy their Christmas play next month.

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A day in the life of a young carer

A COMPARISON of a child carer and her best friend's typical day, as part of a day of BBC coverage on child carers.

Leigh and Megan are two bubbly eight-year-old schoolgirls from Dundee.

They are in the same class and are best friends and, like many other little girls, they enjoy running about in the playground, laughing together and playing games.

But, as the graphic below clearly shows, outside school their lives are very different.

This is because Leigh is a young carer - a child who looks after a family member who has an illness.

Leigh's mum Kirsty separated from Leigh's father when she was still a toddler.

Around that time, she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, also known as manic depression.

Kirsty has to take sleeping pills that take a while to wear off and needs to be woken up in the morning.

She also has a fear of crowded places and says she can only go into town if Leigh is with her.

Without Leigh she says she would find it difficult to get through the day.

More recently Kirsty has developed cellulitis, an infection in her leg and sometimes has to use a crutch.

Kirsty relies heavily on Leigh for both practical and emotional support.

"All throughout the day, Leigh gives me kisses and cuddles and makes me smile and makes me feel better by telling me she loves me and that I am the best. This is just as important to me as the physical help she gives me," says Kirsty.

BEST OF FRIENDS | Leigh (left) and Megan lead very different lives at home

Leigh, aged eight, cares for her mother, Kirsty, who suffers from bipolar disorder

Leigh has to get up half an hour earlier than Megan. She gets her own breakfast, wakes her mum up, brings her a drink to take with her medication and gets herself ready for school.

Megan is woken by her mum Shona, who gives her breakfast, makes sure she is dressed and ready and drives her to school.

Leigh walks there on her own because her mother's medication prevents her from using the car in the morning.

After school, Megan spends most of her time in the park with a friend, watching TV or playing on the computer.

Her mum makes her tea and gets her clothes ready for the next day along with doing all the other household chores.

Meanwhile, Leigh has to help her mum with the shopping, get it home, put it away, help make tea, do the washing up, load the washing machine and put the bins out.

Leigh has just two hours in the day she can call her own. From 5pm to 7pm she goes to a local centre for child carers.

Her mother is all too aware that Leigh needs support herself in order to be able to support her mum.

"The group gives them a chance to be children," she says. "It also lets them know they are not alone."

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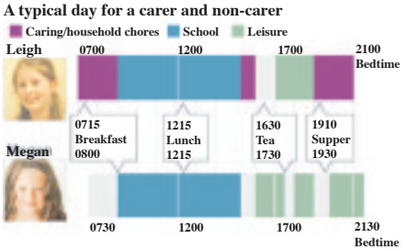
A typical day for a carer and non-carer



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Vision Express were promoting their glasses recycling event, asking people to take their old glasses in to be recycled for Vision Aid in Africa and have a free eye test.

The two eyeballs were Wadham students Callum Flatt and Emily Pound, earning some pocket money.

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Guess the soup

■ **SUE Applegate and Anne Shaw in the kitchen**

NOW in its fifth year, the popular homemade soup kitchen held at Barrington village hall in aid of the pre-school was doing a great trade as November weather brought in the diners.

A choice of French onion, butternut squash, vegetable, celeriac pea and gorgonzola, and leek and potato were on offer was well as a mystery soup with a prize for the best guess.

There were produce and craft stalls for some early Christmas shopping and upstairs the pre-school was open for a taster session.

The school still has places available and has pre-school on Monday Tuesday and Thursday and toddler group on Wednesday. For more details call Jane 01460 54629 or 07983 016319.

ROCK AND ROLL NUMBER: Songs from Smike

CELEBRITY FRIEND: Composer Simon May is introduced by headteacher David Knight

'Eastenders' comes to Chard

By Marion Draper

THE SINGING GAME: Simon May works with the children

PUPILS from Tatworth School enjoyed a big day last Friday when they were joined by composer Simon May for a fundraising concert held at Holyrood Academy.

Mr May is known for having written the title songs to popular television dramas 'Howards Way' and 'Eastenders' and is a personal friend of the headteacher of the school, David Knight. Mr May also wrote the children's musical 'Smike' and had previously visited the school when they performed the show.

During the evening the children performed songs from 'Smike' under Mr May's direction, including some performers who have now moved on to Holyrood.

Then the 40 strong orchestra played, conducted by Mr Knight.

Mr May said he didn't agree with the old adage that says never work with children, as he loved working with young people. He demonstrated how the Eastenders tune had come to him and explained modulation, the changing of key in a tune.

A game with singing phrases was played among the children and the audience which everyone enjoyed and two of the pupils played a simple duet on the piano with him. The whole evening demonstrated the simplicity and fun of music using basic chord sequences.

The school was fundraising for a new room and a highlight of the evening for some of the audience was when three handwritten pieces of music signed by Mr May were auctioned off.

The main tune from 'Howard's Way', two excerpts from 'Smike' and the 'Eastenders' theme made for an exciting bidding war and the three items raised over £200.

Together with the ticket money of £1,000 it was a very successful evening for the school thanks to the generosity of Mr May who freely gave his time and the hard work of the schoolchildren and staff and support of the parents.

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Friday 26th November 5.30pm onwards

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At 7pm Santa will arrive on his sleigh, escorted by the Merriott Majorettes, along Market Street and into Market Square to help the Mayor and Town Crier turn on the Christmas lights. Then he will be in his Grotto in the Town Hall from 7.15pm to hear your Christmas wishes.

But there is plenty to enjoy before that!

The Craft Fair opens at 5.30pm in the Victoria Hall selling a range of products. The ever-popular Farmer's Market will be in Falkland Square and town centre shops will be open for late-night shopping or eating. Look out for the Charity stalls where you could find a bargain or win a prize. Have fun on the children's fairground rides.

As usual Midwest Radio will be providing a musical background in Market Square while Phoenix Brass will play in Falkland Square. You can join in the Community carol singing with CUDOS, U3A Golden Songsters and the Guides just before the switch on. The Heritage Centre in East Street will be open throughout the evening – you might even pick up a special Christmas goodie! If you need something to eat then drop into one of the town cafes or enjoy a cup of tea and a piece of cake provided by the Crewkerne Churches Together in the Victoria Hall.

At 6pm judging of the Children's Fancy Dress Competition will take place in Market Square. Entry is free and open to children under the age of 8, the theme this year is "Snow and Ice" and entry forms are available now from the Town Hall or Red Cross Shop.

The Crewkerne Christmas Committee, which organises the Annual Lighting Up, hopes you will have an enjoyable evening and asks that you give generously to collectors. We need your support to ensure next year's event.

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The Drums bang on

NEW York indie band-of-the-moment ***The Drums*** come to The Anson Rooms & AR2 (Bristol Student Uni) next Friday, November 26th from 7.30pm.

Following the recent departure of guitarist of Adam Kessler, the band have continued on their tour with his replacement Tom Haslow (not pictured).

Tickets for the show cost £11.50 and are available from www.wegottickets.com Support comes from Violens and Two Wounded Birds.

Don't miss your chance to hear the likes of *'Let's Go Surfing'* and *'Me and the Moon'* in all their live glory.

Ska Delights

SKA legends ***The Skatalites*** perform at The Fiddler's Club, Bristol on Thursday, November 25th. Tickets cost £15 and are available by visiting www.ents24.com.

Going Out Gigs

SWEET SWEENEY CARRIES IT OFF

Review | Tell Me on a Sunday at Octagon Theatre November 11th-13th *by Stuart Broom*

I HAVE always been a fan of Claire Sweeney since she played Lindsay Corkhill in Brookside, and although I enjoy musicals, apart from one song, 'Take that look off your face', I was not familiar with the music of this Lloyd Webber creation written over 30 years ago with lyricist Don Black.

In fact having booked tickets as soon as I saw the show advertised many weeks ago, I was unaware it was a one-woman show until I flicked through the programme a few minutes before the performance and realised there were no other members of the cast!

The story follows the fortunes of an English girl looking for love and success in New York. It charts her frustration when her optimism at having found love with an ageing film director, a younger man who is playing the field and a married man who she believes is leaving his wife for her, all turn to heartache, and she begins to wonder whether she's been looking for love in all the wrong places.

Black's lyrics cleverly reveals the story in 27 songs which sees Claire make several quick changes of costumes on a single set over the 90 minute show, whilst adjusting her voice and emotional moods to suit within seconds. She is supported by four excellent musicians who combine with her wonderful voice in a role that tests it to the limits in an incredibly demanding role.

Directed by Tamara Harvey, I was impressed by Tim Mitchell's lighting of the set which added to the big city effect.

I am by no means an expert in these matters, but I know what I like. In addition to admiring the delectable and vivacious Ms Sweeney which was worth the money alone, I was more than entertained by the music and pure ambiance of a very professional show.

BEAT THIS!

ANOTHER set of ska legends perform at the Cheese and Grain in Frome on Saturday, November 20th. ***The Beat***, fronted by Rankin' Roger and his son Rankin' Junior will play hits including 'Mirror in the Bathroom'.

Tickets cost £12, call 01373 455 420 to check availability.

Going Out Gigs

Crewkerne Farmers Market

THE monthly Crewkerne Farmers Market is this Saturday, November 20th in Falkland Square, Crewkerne from 9am to 1pm. There are 23 stalls booked in this month, with a couple of new faces amongst the regular range of quality local produce.

Woolsery Cheese, founded in 1992 in Up Sydling near Dorchester, are joining the Market with their award winning goats cheese. Try something a little different with their recently launched Nettle and Herb Goat Cheese. At Woolsery the cheeses are handmade, using traditional methods and the finest fresh milk, to produce a range of cheeses from soft through to hard cheeses. Come along to the market on Saturday for a taste to see why celebrity chefs, including Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall, are happy to say that they use Woolsery Cheese in their dishes

The Somerset Soap Company, based in Baltonsborough near Glastonbury, will have their 100% natural and palm free soaps on offer. The usual suspects will be there in lavender and teatree but also more exotic sounding soaps such as Dark Spice or Peppermint & Eucalyptus. The list of ingredients sounds good enough to eat; cocoa butter, ground herbs and spices, beeswax. Perfect for small Christmas gifts. And with Christmas looming, Rainbow Flowers are back this month with some floral Christmas decorations.

There will be a small Farmers Market at the Crewkerne Christmas Lighting-up evening on Friday, November 26th, in Falkland Square, with warming food-on-the-go treats on offer such as mulled apple juice, soups, sausage rolls and pasties.

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Food *with Richard Coles*

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WHAT could be a better way to end a meal than with an excellent cup of coffee. My relationship with the beverage began at University in Manchester some ten years ago. Previous to my three year metropolitan sojourn, coffee was powdery mixture in glass jars that produced the dark, bitter liquid that Dad would swig from chipped mugs whilst working in the garage. How things have changed. These days, it is possible to enjoy good coffee in just about all our local towns - and even some villages - from either national chains or, preferably for me, local artisan baristas. Whilst it is fair to say there is a lot of snobbery about choice of coffee (after all, if one enjoys instant then one should drink it), the expanse in the last decade of second, and now third wave, coffee houses has broadened the horizon of taste for many of us in ways that would simply not have been possible in the years previous.

Personally, I create my home coffee using a Gagia Classic Espresso machine and a Dualit burr grinder - not top of the range by any means, but certainly not cheap. Despite the options this set-up gives me in terms of Italian Espresso based drinks, my favourite part of the coffee creation process happens not in the kitchen but in the shed. I am a home coffee roaster. This is becoming an increasingly popular activity, and is exceptionally affordable. Green coffee (as the raw material is called) is easily available on the web, at a fraction of the price of quality pre-prepared beens, and can be roasted perfectly well in a popcorn maker. Mine, which has been in use for over two years, cost just £5. Expensive roasters, which work like mini tumble driers, are available, but potentially offer no better results. You will of course need a grinder, but if you are going to create filter or cafetiere coffee then a cheap offering will do perfectly well.

A little web research will be required to get the technique, but home roasting makes economic sense, boasts a massive range of beans (buy them like wine from hasbean.com) and a real talking point at your next dinner party. Home coffee can be an expensive business, but equally it can be cheap and a rewarding foodie activity. So why not join the artisans and give home roasting a try!

Going Out Film

This week's new releases

HARRY Potter and the Deathly Hallows is the seventh and final adventure in the Harry Potter film series, and will be told in two full length parts, with the first released at cinemas this Friday (November 19th)

Part 1 begins as Harry, Ron and Hermione set out on their perilous mission to track down and destroy the Horcruxes - the keys to Voldemort's immortality. On their own, without the guidance or protection of their professors, the three friends must now rely on one another more than ever. But there are Dark Forces in their midst that threaten to tear them apart.

Meanwhile, the Wizarding world has become a dangerous place for all enemies of the Dark Lord. The long-feared war has begun and Voldemort's Death Eaters seize control of the Ministry of Magic and even Hogwarts, terrorising and arresting anyone who might oppose them. But the one prize they still seek is the one most valuable to Voldemort: Harry Potter. The Chosen One has become the hunted one as Voldemort's followers look for Harry with orders to bring him to the Dark Lord… alive.

Harry's only hope is to find the Horcruxes before Voldemort finds him. But as he searches for clues, he uncovers an old and almost forgotten tale - the legend of the Deathly Hallows. And if the legend turns out to be true, it could give Voldemort the ultimate power he seeks.

Little does Harry know that his future has already been decided by his past when, on that fateful day, he became "the Boy Who Lived." No longer just a boy, Harry Potter is drawing ever closer to the task for which he has been preparing since he first stepped into Hogwarts: the ultimate battle with Voldemort.

PURE EVIL | Lord Voldemort and Lucius Malfoy, father of Draco

POTTER'S PALS | Harry, Hermione and Ron don't like the looks of what's ahead

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ILMINSTER: Jazz All Stars Night at Ilminster Warehouse Theatre from 7.40pm. Telephone 01823 282 386 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market's 'Christmas Table' featuring food and crafts, at the Henhayes Centre, from 9am-11am.

THURSDAY 18TH - SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

WHITELACKINGTON: Christmas Craft Fair at the Village Hall, from 10am-2pm. Disabled access. To book a table, call 01460 55606.

CREWKERNE: Christmas Table Top Sale at the Henhayes Centre, from 9am (sellers from 8:30am). £5 per table. Turkey, Christmmas cake, raffles, and refreshments. Telephone 01460 74340 for more info.

MERRIOTT: Christmas Bazaar with Father Christmas at the Village Hall, from 10:30am-3:30pm. Organised by All Saints Church. Telephone 01460 72704 for more info.

BROADWAY: Craft Fair @ Broadway Village Hall from 10am - 3pm. Telephone 01460 54204 for more details.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

NORTH PERROTT: Haselbury Teaser Quiz (teams of four, £5 per person, to include afternoon tea), at Hoskyns Memorial Hall from 2:30pm. To enter your team please telephone Brian or Heather on 01460 72058. Five extra points if you can tell us which of King Arthur's knights married Enid when you phone!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

SOUTH PETHERTON: Talk on 'Edmund Peacham, Rector of Hinton St George 1587 - 1614. Puritan and Traitor?' by Charles Bird. At the Methodist Hall, Palmer Street from 7.30pm - 9pm. Organised by South Petherton Local History Group. Telephone 01460 241626 for more details.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH

CHARD: Christmas Charity Bingo Night at Barleymow's restaurant, from 7:30pm. £5 per person (including one bingo book of six games). Great prizes, Christmas raffle and nibbles. Call 01460 62130 to book your table/seat.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

TATWORTH: Film - 'Letters To Juliet' at the Memorial Hall, from 8pm (doors 7:30pm). Organised by T&F Movies. Telephone 01460 220198 for more information.

DONYATT: Heritage Theatre perform *A Little Nonsense* - a look at what has made people laugh through the ages; in prose verse and songs, from 7pm for 7:30pm. Join in the choruses! Enjoy a 2 course supper, included in the £8 ticket price. Available by calling 01460 53879 or from Horton Post Office. Proceeds to the Hall Improvement Fund.

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CHARD: Charity Salsa evening at the Windwhistle Inn, Cricket St Thomas. Beginners lesson at 8pm taken by Mr Salsa the free dancing until 12midnight.

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

SEAVINGTON: Christmas Bazaar at the Millennium Hall, Water Street, from 9am-12:30pm. Organised by the Seavington Playing Field Association. Telephone 01460 240353 for more information.

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MERRIOTT: Merriott Church Christmas Bazaar, including Father Christmas visiting, at the Village Hall from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Food served all day. Telephone 01460 72704 for more details.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Christmas Fayre at Hinton St George School from 1pm - 3.30pm. Don't miss Santa drop in by helicopter on the school field at 1pm. Enjoy the Christmas Market with a great range of gift ideas from food to cards, and handmade clothes and jewellery.
Also wreath ordering, soup, cakes and refreshments and LOTS of activities for children including a visit to Santa's Grotto! All in aid of Hinton St George First School and Pre-School

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

MERRIOTT: Talk and demonstration by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers, Illminster on 'Christmas Floral Arrangements,' at the Tithe Barn, Church Street, from 7:30pm. Organised by Merriott Gardening Club. All welcome. Telephone 01460 72298 for more information.

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This week's CDs

TAKE THAT ***Progress***
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RIHANNA ***Loud***
LOUD is the spectacular fifth studio album from R&B superstar Rihanna, featuring the worldwide number one single, "Only Girl (In the World)".

SHAYNE WARD ***Obsession***
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This week's DVDs

TOY STORY 3
FOR those adult fans who were too embarrassed to be spotted in the cinema now is the time to get your hands on the DVD of Toy Story 3.

Fans of the first film may be in their 20s now but Toy Story 3 proves there is no age limit on this movie franchise.

If you still don't want to be seen buying it for yourself then it is the perfect stocking filler, which you can secretly enjoy on Christmas Day.

KARL PILKINGTON: AN IDIOT ABROAD
The mesmerising Manc genius or the bald-headed buffoon with a head like an orange, you decide! Pilkington attempts to broaden his beautiful mind by traversing the globe in search of the new seven wonders of the world, experiencing some of the many delights that foreign cultures have to offer. Karl tries everything from extreme naked yoga to scorpions on a stick, sharing his own unique philosophy on each.

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Now, with the introduction of the Cayman R, Porsche has further developed the car by reducing weight, increasing horsepower and raising agility and handling to new heights. The new model becomes the third version in the Cayman range, joining the Cayman and Cayman S.

Weighing 55 kg less than the equivalent Cayman S, and boasting the most horsepower available in a mid-engined Porsche, the 330 hp Cayman R has been created for one reason: pure, distilled driving dynamics. With its highly-tuned sports suspension and vigilant attention to weight savings, the new Cayman model offers a driving experience even more precise than that of the acclaimed Cayman S.

Tracing its lineage back to the famous mid-engined 904 coupes of the 1960s, the Cayman R celebrates its world premiere at the Los Angeles Auto Show on November 17, 2010.

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Chevrolet icon drops its top!

CHEVROLET has lifted the lid on the all-new Camaro Convertible.

The iconic droptop goes into production in January and will reach European markets, including the UK, later in 2011. It includes an enhanced body structure and well-tailored top mechanism – a combination designed to deliver sports coupe-like driving fun and precise quality.

"The launch of the new convertible opens Camaro design and performance to a new set of potential customers," said Chris Perry, vice president of Chevrolet marketing, at the cars unveil at the LA Auto Show. "The 21st century revival of Camaro is tremendously popular, so it's a natural to now expand and elevate the product range in new directions."

The convertible will be offered in similar model configurations as the Camaro coupe. For Europe, that means a 6.2-litre V-8 engine producing 426 horsepower. A six-speed manual transmission will be standard, with an optional six-speed automatic.

Camaro is now the best-selling Coupe in its segment in the US market, and its popularity is backed up by the fact that the right to purchase one of the first convertibles was recently sold at the Barrett-Jackson auction for $205,000, with all proceeds donated to charity. The 2011 Neiman Marcus Edition Camaro convertibles, a group of 100 exclusive cars with custom-designed elements and priced at $75,000 each, sold out in only three minutes.

The Camaro convertible delivers great refinement, along with uncompromising, coupe-like driving dynamics. Its enhanced body structure helps prevent cowl or steering wheel shake, for a strong, confident feel in all driving conditions. The top has a smooth, tailored fit, with acoustical foam in the headliner that helps deliver a quiet ride with the top up.

Strong structure

The Camaro's architecture was designed to accommodate a convertible model, which means customers enjoy the fun of top-down cruising with coupe-like driving dynamics. Four strategic reinforcements enhance the already-stiff body structure to eliminate common convertible maladies of cowl and steering wheel shake.

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STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE *reporting on the Perry Street League*

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■ **SEMI-FINAL**: 21-goal league top-scorer Marco Quesdas will lead the Luso-Chard attack in John Fowler semi against Misterton Reserves

Updated cup draws

TOMMY TABBERER - Quarter-finals: Hinton v Shepton Beauchamp, Crewkerne Rangers v Hawkchurch, Forton Rangers Reserves v Chard Rangers, Uplyme v Beaminster Reserves.
Ties to be played on January 8th.
JOHN FOWLER - Semi-finals: Luso-Chard v Misterton Reserves, Drimpton v Winsham United Reserves.
Ties to be played on December 12th.
SOMERSET JUNIOR - Round 3 (32) Broad Plain House v Weston St Johns Sports Bar or **Merriott Rovers**, Bath Arsenal v Parson Street Old boys or **South Petherton**.

Beaminster FC Race night

BEAMINSTER FC are holding a Race Night at the Red Lion in Beaminster on Friday, November 26th. First race is 7.30pm, Race Card is £3 which includes a light supper.

Top Scorers

PREMIER: Scott Jennings (Merriott Rovers) 15, Marcus Alexander (South Petherton) 11, Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) 9, Jon Hayter (South Petherton) James Salter (Farway United) 7.
DIVISON ONE: Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch United) 16, Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise)12, Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town), Stuart Packer (Perry St Res, *inc 7 for Thorncombe*), Kev Rowson (Perry Street Reserves) 9
DIVISION TWO: Alex Cottle (Uplyme) 12, Dan Pyett (Beaminster Reserves) 11. Gavin Fowler (Uplyme), Josh Hunter (Beaminster Reserves) 10. Ross Picketts (Beaminster Reserves), Adam Neale (Uplyme) 9.
DIVISION THREE: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 21, Aaron Hodges (Crewkerne Reserves) 13, Adam Swinnerton (Crewkerne Res) 12, Neil Hawkins (Misterton Reserves) 11.
DIVISION FOUR: Jay Stewart (Combe B) 12, Ashley Cooper, Dan Rudge (both W & M Chinnock Reserves) 12, Matt Read (Waytown Hounds), Will Aplin (Shepton Beau Reserves) 9.
(Excl Chard Hospital Cup).

Street stat watch

■ UNSURPRISINGLY the Crewkerne Town first team, having normally resided in the Premier Division have never won the Division One Cup (they're in a the semi's tomorrow). The Tigers' second string have however lifted the 56-year old trophy on three occasions (1962, 92, 2000). The now defunct Swan Crewkerne team also have their name on the cup twice (75, 78). *Incentive.*

■ YOU'LL get good odds on a 0-0 draw at Wdaham School tomorrow. Opponents Crewkerne Rangers and Waytown Hounds, combined, have kept just two clean sheets in their last 67 games. *Attacking.*

Tasty Division One Cup semi-final in prospect

THREE Perry Street League teams fell at the second hurdle of this season's Somerset Junior Cup on Saturday.

Crewkerne Town looked to have booked their place in round three as they led visiting Bath Arsenal 4-1 with 20 minutes left. But the Gunners stormed back and won a the game with an extra-time strike.

Combe Reserves also shipped five on their home turf as they were beaten 5-2 by Castle Cary. The tird of the trio was Perry Street Reserves who went down 4-1 at Frome Town Sports.

Holders South Petherton and Merriott Rovers are still in the hat - their matches at Weston St Johns and Parson St Old Boys were postponed - the teams will try again tomorrow.

LEAGUE CUPS
John Fowler: Winsham United Reserves, struggling at the foot of the Division three table turned the form book on its head with an impressive 3-2 win at Chard United after trailing 2-1 at the break.

It was a similar story at Forton where Luso-Chard trailed to Millwey Rise Reserves at the interval but a brace from league top scorer Marco Quedas turned things around.

The closest of the weekend's ties was at Unity Lane where a debut hat-trick from Misterton Reserves' Connor Fletcher still wan't enough to see off Crewkerne Reseves as the teams were deadlocked at 4-4 after two hours.

Misterton won the resulting penalty shoot-out 4-2.

Tommy Tabberer: Dowlish & Donyatt's reign as holders ended despite a battling display in a 2-1 defeat at owerful Beaminster Reserves.

Division One Cup: The pick of weekend's games could arguably be at Netherbury where Crewkerne Town are the visitors with a place in the final on January 3rd at stake.

Excluding Crewkerne's county cup blip, both sides are in good form; The Tigers unbeaten in all 'domestic' football this season.

But the battle between the Crewkerne defence and the Ambers' front line, led by the Hussey brothers - Tim and Phil - could hold the key.

Daisy Hutchings Cup: Last season's tournament played havoc with the PSDL fixture list. As a result Division One clubs are now excluded and the smaller tournament is now open to teams from Division's two, three and four only.

This would point to Beaminster Reserves being the clear favourites - although Chard United are sure to give the Division two leaders a run for their money at Jocelyn Park tomorrow.

Both Crewkerne teams, Rangers and Town Reserves, should have few problems of disposing of Waytown Hounds and Lyme Regis Bantams respectively.

I'll go for wins for Misterton Reserves over league top scorers West & Middle Chinnock Reserves and Luso-Chard should have few problems with Thorncombe Reserves. Barrington Reserves could have run the Farway second-string close - but the East Devon side's first team have no game...

PREMIER
WITH Farway's Eastlee Park waterlogged there was only one Premier game - a Paul Hardy goal, his first of the season, proved decisive as Ilminster Town Reserves beat Barrington 1-0 in bad tempered derby at the Rec.

Barrington will look to end their six game winless run when they entertain Misterton, without a win all season, at Shelway Lane.

West & Middle Chinnock will do well to return with anything from their trip to third placed Beaminster who made it six wins from seven with a 4-2 Dorset Intermediate Cup win at Allendale.

Chinnocks hit Saints for nine

DIVISION ONE
FORTON Rangers looked to be in with a chance of ending Millwey Rise' 27-game unbeaten league run as they led the Devonians through a Jon Smith strike at half-time. But Marc Jenkins' second-half hat-trick lifted Millwey to a 5-1 win.

Forton could be in the market for three points when they entertain Thorncombe tomorrow. The Thorns will be buoyed by a Luka de Pasquale double, on his home first team debut, in a 2-0 win over seemingly doomed Charmouth. Ilminster Colts will be eyeing a first clean sheet of the season when they entertain the struggling West Dorset Outfit tomorrow.

Top of the table Winsham United could extend their lead at the top to five points with a win over Perry Street Reserves.

DIVISION TWO
WITH Beaminster in Cup action both HInton and Crewkerne Rangers took full advantage with wins over Hawkchurch (4-0) and South Petherton Reserves (2-1) respectively.

DIVISION THREE
AFTER three wins in four improving Combe A were surprisingly hammered 5-1 at home by Farway United Reserves who had been sinking like a stone.

The Saints take on another of the Division's strugglers, Winsham United Reserves at Sladdes Cross tomorrow.

DIVISION TWO:
DANNY Rudge, Nathan Davenport, Ashley Cooper and Simon Hebditch all scored twice at West & Middle Chinnock conclusively won the top of the table clash with Combe B 9-2 at Oxleaze. Ilminster A also had their shooting boots on with veteran Andy Fish notching a hat-trick in an 8-2 win over basement side Chard Rangers Reserves.

The Blues are sure to given more of a test tomorrow with the visit of league leaders Hinton - fresh from a comfortable 4-0 win at lowly Hawkchurch Reserves.

Goals from Will Aplin and Liuke Bissett earned improving Shepton Beauchamp Reserves a two victory over struggling Thorncombe Reserves, their third straight win.

The bottom two teams in the league go head-to-head at Jocelyn Park where Chard Rangers Reserves, still without a point, welcome Hawkchurch Reserves.

■ **CREWKERNE RANGERS who are amongst the Division Two front runners, line-up, back row from left; Scott Iaacs (player-manager), Jamie Vickery, Adam Tanner, Nathan Bearpark, Mark Holton, Andy Loveless, Harvey Perrin, Tom Fussell, Seb Payne. Front; Josh Lovatt (captain), Toby Symes, Tom Broome, Simon Denslow, Steve Bryant, Liam Adams, Tom Charles.** ***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

DIVISION ONE CUP
SEMI-FINALS - 2pm
Lyme Regis Reserves v Millwey Rise
Netherbury v Crewkerne Town

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP
ROUND ONE - 2pm
Chard United v Beaminster Reserves
Crewkerne Rangers v Waytown Hounds
Crewkerne Town Res v Lyme Regis Bantams
Farway United Reserves v Barrington Res
Hawkchurch United v Drimpton
Misterton Res v W & M Chinnock Reserves
Thorncombe Reserves v Luso-Chard

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP
ROUND TWO - 2pm
Weston St Johns Sports v Merriott Rovers
Parson St Old Boys v South Petherton

PREMIER
Barrington v Misterton
Beaminster v W & M Chinnock

DIVISION ONE
Charmouth v Ilminster Town Colts
Forton Rangers v Thorncombe
Winsham United v Perry Street Reserves

DIVISION TWO
Dowlish & Donyatt v Pymore
South Petherton Reserves v Chard Rangers

DIVISION THREE
Combe A v Winsham United Reserves

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Hawkchurch Res
Ilminster Town A v Hinton Reserves
Shepton Beachamp Res v Chard Utd Res

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Weekender Sport puts Forton Rangers stalwart Adam Smith... ON THE SPOT **- see page 31**

RUGBY REVIEW

Neighbours clash at Henhayes

By **Keith Jenkin**

With both the Chard and Crewkerne first sides playing away from home last weekend, I took the weekend off and ventured to Twickenham to see just how well England would cope with the spring heeled Australian back division. (In fact England coped rather well and ended the day worthy winners, after as exciting a game as I have seen for a very long time).

Having strength in depth is, and always has been, a prime reason for a club's success in rugby football. Commitment is another, and CHARD have both in abundance at the moment, and both were amply demonstrated in their14 try demolition of brave Winscombe on Saturday last. (In fact, when they were already leading by a very considerable margin, and the game near its end, they threw one or two speculative passes. They were quickly told to 'cut it out and play properly').

They take on STOTHERT & PITT, another side in the mid table of the Somerset premier League, at the Dening Field on Saturday, and I really cannot see any other result other than a home win, together with a bonus point for scoring four tries.

Complacency will probably be their greatest danger but, given the fact that they are coached by one Steve Broome, I do not see this as being a real issue. They will need all the bonus points they can muster however, for they still have ground to make up on league leaders, Hornets.

Down in the Somerset League Division Two (South), CREWKERNE have a game against the CHARD second side. They have been awaiting this one for some weeks and will enjoy pitting themselves against their friendly old enemies from over the hill.

The Chard side, unbeaten in the league until Saturday last, reside several league places above the Henhayes bunch, but they will be aware that Crewkerne have been improving week by week.

The home side trains well, and certainly gave as good as they got when drawing 12 points apiece with Wivelscombe seconds on Saturday last. A club's first side do generally perform better as a team than a second team, for very obvious reasons and, although one does not doubt the individual quality in the Chard ranks, they should certainly be wary of taking the home side too lightly.

This should be a most interesting encounter and, if nothing else, the outcome will certainly demonstrate to Crewkerne just how far they have progressed this season. I do take Chard to win, if they can avoid complacency.

The Chard third side, having received something of a walloping at the hands of their North Petherton counterparts last time out, take on Tor thirds at the Crewkerne Road ground.

Now these opponents lie in the lower reaches of the Somerset League Division Three (South) and, on occasion, do not show up at all. Chard should certainly win this one.

FIXTURES 20th November:
Chard v Stothert & Pitt; Chard 2nd v Crewkerne; Chard 3rd v Tor 3rd; Crewkerne v Chard 2nd.

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Crewkerne Skittles league

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	7	64
Super Sexy Six	7	62
Muddled Men	7	61
The Fryers	7	46
Headhunters	7	46
Coachmen	7	41
King Willy Dogs	7	39
Rollers	7	33
Sports 92	7	31
Disney	7	30
Swan Fokkers	7	25
Royal Oak Drimptn	7	20

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Pinbusters	7	73
Football Club	7	54
Rug Rats	7	52
Brewers Bees	7	46
Coombe Boys	7	45
Skimmers	7	44
Nomads	7	39
Swan Cobbs	7	37
Kings Head B	7	35
Willy Low Flyers	7	30
Concorde	7	29
Loud & Proud	7	20

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Numpties	7	72
Swan Fixers	7	55
Perrott Monkeys	7	54
Con Club Legends	7	47
Royal Oak A	7	47
Chis Colts	7	42
Dinnington Astros	7	38
Motley Crew	7	36
Contwistadors	7	35
Sandbaggers	7	31
Hung Like Horses	7	31
Muppets	7	10

Ilminster & District skittles

NOMINATION League (Week Two)
Group One: Wyndham Arms 267-11 (D.Yard 47, Grocott 18) Kings Head 205-1 (M.Tilley 33, D.Crisp 10), Flying Turkeys 295-10 Wyndham Arms 284-2.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Wyndham Arms	2	1	0	1	13
Hatch Beagles	1	1	0	0	11
Flying Turkeys	1	1	0	0	10
Hatch Eggs	1	0	0	1	1
Kings Head	1	0	0	1	1

Group Two: Ashill Boys 227-0 (S.Robson 46, G.Keitch 17) Ashill Inn 269-12 (C.Male 45, M.Gabriel & D.Hoare 16).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Ashill Inn	2	2	0	0	24
Donyatt BC	1	1	0	0	11
Ashill Boys	2	0	0	2	1
Royal Oak	0	0	0	0	0
Carnival Clingons	1	0	0	1	0

Group Three: Cricketers 277-1 (G.White 53, A.Grey 15) Nomads 308-11 (L.Bond 48, R.Barnes 29), Royals 343-12 (M.Pratley 60, R.Elswood 35) Bell Clangers 252-0 (N.Mapstone 42, Todd Farr 17).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Royals	1	1	0	0	12
Cricketers	2	1	0	1	12
Nomads	1	1	0	0	11
Bell Clangers	1	0	0	1	1

Group Four: Rockey's Rollers 293-0 (R.Findlay 49, T.Clapp 27) Crown Faces 332-12 (S.Whaites 52, B.Wellman 26).

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Crown Faces	2	1	0	1	14
Bell A	1	1	0	0	10
Bell Broadway	0	0	0	0	0
Rockey's Rollers	1	0	0	1	0

Indoor Bowls news

DONYATT: Donyatt take on neighbours Chard and Ilminster at the weekend. Tomorrow Chard are the visitors for a 4-mix friendly, play starts at 2pm.

On Sunday Donyatt travel to Ilminster for a 'Top Club' match.

SPORTS BRIEFING...

Yeovil & District Mixed tennis

DIVISION ONE	Pld	Pts
Sherborne A	4	27
Martock A	3	25
Chard A	3	18
Melcombe Regis	2	14
Yeovil A	2	10
Charmouth	3	3
Sherborne B	3	3
DIVISION TWO	**Pld**	**Pts**
Somerton A	3	15
South Petherton A	1	10
Martock B	1	9
Ilminster	1	7
Weymouth A	2	6
Chard B	2	3
DIVISION THREE	**Pld**	**Pts**
Wincanton	3	23
Bridport A	2	19
Beaminster	3	15
Somerton B	3	12
Somerton C	2	8
Misterton A	3	8
Yeovil B	2	4
DIVISION FOUR	**Pld**	**Pts**
Bridport B	3	21
Yeovil C	4	20
S.Petherton B	3	18
weymouth B	3	11
Martock C	3	11
Sutton Montis	2	11
Misterton B	2	8

Golf fixtures

WINDWHISTLE:
Saturday - Ladies Medal. Sunday - Mens Winter Pairs and Ladies 2nd Medal.

CHEDINGTON:
Saturday: Two-fay Roll-up. Sunday - Mens Competition 8am -11am.

Bob Buckler racing

Dizzy looking to emulate Thunder in Grand Sefton

BOB Buckler's Double Dizzy will be trying to emulate former stablemate I Hear Thunder when he runs in the Grand Sefton Handicap Chase at Aintree on Sunday.

Thunder won the 2006 race and Buckler will be hoping the nine-year-old will change his luck; the stable having a lean time of it at present.

FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

Region's top three hit by trio of 1-0 defeats

By **Howard Larcombe**

CHARD Town appeared to be on course for arguably their best result of of the season so far as they held second placed Oldland Abbottonians 0-0 with three minutes of normal time remaining on Saturday.

But hopes of a valuable away point were dashed when league top-scorer Matt Huxley moved to 20 for the season when he converted a cross to leave Robins' manager Glynn Shaw and his troops empty handed.

"We had a game plan and stuck to it. We've tightened up denfensively although I thought we had the better of the first-half and defended well when they came back at us after the break." said Shaw.

Chard, currently 18th, entertain Shepton Mallet tomorrow and Gillingham Town on Tuesday. "After Tuesday night's game we will have played the top three teams at home and away" added Shaw who maintains his side are not far from an upturn in fourtunes. Striker Sam Clarke looks likely to start against Shepton having come through 25 minutes at Oldland.

But Adam Fricker is a doubt after limping off after just 11 minutes last weekend. "We're working on the injury but won't risk him on Saturday unless he is ready" said Shaw.

Chard Town Reserves gained ground near the top of the Devon & Exeter League Division Three and knocked leaders Sandford off the top perch with a superb 4-2 win at Zembard Lane.

It was a perfect response for player manager Darren Stewart to the side's previous run out which saw them surprisingly beaten by Countess Wear.

Stewart got himself on the scoresheet but the star of the show was ex-Misterton and Beaminster striker Greg Channing who cracked a fine hat-trick.

The Robins' second string are in Somerset Senior Cup first round action tomorrow when they visit Wrington Redhill.

ILMINSTER TOWN

ILMINSTER Town's four-game winning run came to an end at Fry Club in the Premier/First Division League cup.

The Blues were however given a boost by the news that fellow Division one promotion chasers Frome Collegians had surpisingly been turned over in the league - 4-2 at home by lowly Portishead Town Reserves.

Meanwhile Odd Down leapfrogged over Ilminster, on goals scored, by scraping past fifth placed Nailsea Town 2-1.

Tomorrow, Ilminster visit Division Two (East) midtablers Westfield in round one of the Somerset Senior Cup.

"We don't know anything about them - sometimes that's no bad thing" said manager Darren Manley looks set to retain the services of centre-back Sam Tratt who had a fine debut last weekend, and could possibly give a start to Carl Lazenby who is making good progress in his recovery from a cruciate knee injury.

Chris Nezianya and Luke and Jake Woodard will also be back in contention.

The club has also been boosted by the arrival of 16-year old Bradley Miles: "He looks a really good prospect and will go straight into the Ressies " said Manley.

COMBE St NICHOLAS

LIKE neighbours Ilminster, Combe St Nicholas also tasted a narrow 1-0 cup defeat last weekend.

The Saints were knocked out of the Somerset Division Two League cup away at Shepton Mallet.

"An undeserved result. We switched-off in first-half injury-time and couldn't get the goal back despite dominating and creating lots of second-half chances." said manager Ivor Hutchings.

Combe turn their attention to the Somerset Senior Cup 1st round and the visit of Division One outfit Frome Collegians.

"This will be a tough one, but we'll give it a crack" said Hutchings who will be without the services of in-form midfielder Mark Redwood who has spent the week in plaster after receiving a knock to his ankle.

"It was a terrible tackle and the referee missed it." said Redwood's disgruntled manager.

◆ **GREG CHANNING**: Hat-trick for Chard Reserves in 4-2 win over League leaders.

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Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Pressure mounts on Skivvo

WHAT a wonderful story it could have been. Dynamic, lion hearted, loyal player retires and takes on manager's role and catapult's his club to success - a real Roy of the Rovers tale!

Unfortunately it doesn't appear that will be happening at Huish!

When Russell Slade was sacked in February last year, Terry Skiverton was promoted to player-manager. It was hoped that his on the field never-say-die attitude would lift the team at the time. Already in a precarious position, Skiverton could not improve the situation and the club just avoided relegation back to Division Two.

His supporters will say that his hands were tied as he had to work with the squad he inherited, and although he did bring in some new players, to a point that is true.

Last season despite bringing in several loan players, including England U21 internationals Steven Caulker and Alex McCarthy and later on Gavin Williams, they once again struggled and just avoided relegation.

This season they sit second from bottom having just been beaten at home by fellow strugglers Dagenham & Redbridge who leapfrogged them, despite playing a midfield of on-loan Welsh internationals.

Having missed four gilt-edged chances in the first 13 minutes, Yeovil conceded to the Daggers first effort on goal from a couple of minutes later. For the rest of the half Yeovil struggled, but did equalise on in first-half added time through a well taken Andy Williams goal.

It took the Glovers a few minutes after the break to get the impetus back but then they peppered the visitor's goal and created a hatful of chances to have won the game. Unfortunately apart from a Paul Huntingdon header cleared off the line it was a chapter of bad finishing or bad luck, and as with the first-half the Daggers struck on the break with Nathan Jones and John Sullivan badly at fault as Medy Elito found acres of space on the right with Jones nowhere to be seen before driving a shot across Sullivan that appeared to go right through the keepers defences.

Ultimately they scored again as Yeovil went looking for an equaliser.

I have written in support of chairman John Fry in his quest to ensure the club stays out of debt, and whilst that is commendable it would appear it is backfiring on him both on and off the field.

Skiverton and his assistant Jones were the cheap option, both were still playing when promoted to the management job. However their total lack of experience is now shining through.

Some will argue; and we hear it said by pundits of many football teams, usually in respect of player's conduct on the field; that there is nothing the manager can do once the player's cross that white line, and that to a point is true.

However if you consider the quality of some of the players that Skivo has managed, why are they not doing it on the field? They didn't become internationals because they didn't have skill or vision, so maybe it is down to the manager's tactics and style of play.

In the previous home match against Swindon, Skiverton started with just one striker, which suggests a defensive attitude. Is that the right tactics against fellow struggler's particularly at home?

On Saturday he left arguably their most influential player, Gavin Williams, on the bench for over an hour. He is said to be struggling with an ankle injury and maybe would not have lasted the whole match, but don't you start with your strongest team and them if successful sub him later when the game is won?

The manager persists in playing his assistant at left back when Nathan Smith, who has been outstanding in several matches this season, sits on the bench until five minutes from the end when they are 3-1 down and Jones has already gifted the opposition a goal.

Saturday's gate was the lowest I can remember since the club were promoted to the Football League. I know the official attendance suggests over 3,500 watched, but all the season ticket holders are counted regardless of whether they attend, and it looked really sparse looking around the ground.

The club cannot ignore falling attendances which are inevitably linked to the club's success on the field.

How much longer can the directors allow the club's fortunes to drop? With difficult games against Charlton, Bournemouth and Peterborough coming up the future looks bleak, and by Christmas it will be too late to recover.

Skiverton has built a backroom staff around him that include a number of his friends and acquaintances and perhaps that is the problem.

Unfortunately, I think it is time for Mr Fry to act. Whilst Skivo has been a great servant to the club and I am sure has done his best, it is time for a change, and not just the manager.

Tough fixtures in lead up to Christmas

New striker joins

YEOVIL Town have bolstered their attacking options by signing 19-year-old striker Adam Phillip on loan from Premiership side Chelsea.

Adam, who has represented England at under-17 level, arrives at Huish Park on a month's loan from Stamford Bridge.

He was spotted playing Sunday park football for Sutton by Chelsea who signed him for the academy's under-16 side. He proved a regular scorer at that level and the one above.

Although he suffered two serious injuries in recent seasons, he is back in Chelsea's reserve side and has scored two goals in four appearances this season; in Chelsea's 3-1 win over Liverpool and their 3-2 victory against Newcastle United.

The Blues' run to the 2008 FA Youth Cup Final saw Adam come off the bench three times and score three goals and he announced his comeback last season with a hat-trick in a 5-2 win over Portsmouth Reserves.

Hutchings exits Huish

FORMER Tottenham Hotspur defender Danny Hutchings has left Huish Park.

The 21-year-old had his contract cancelled by mutual consent after making 18 appearances with the Glovers since joining in 2009.

Caulker makes debut

STEVEN Caulker made his England U21 debut in their friendly against Germany in Wiesbaden on Tuesday night.

Caulker, now on loan at Bristol City, was outstanding last season when he was on loan at Huish Park and won all the end of season trophies.

A substitute, he replaced Martin Kelly with 12 minutes left in a match England lost 2-0.

Mauling lifts Cons

CHARD Casuals' thrashed midtable Honiton WMC to jump two places to third in the Seaton & District Snooker League.

Chard Casuals remain fourth after doubles for Bob Shave and Steve Banfield saw the side come from 2-0 to win 4-2 at Sidmouth Workies B.

Results (9th November); Honiton Wonderers 4 Colyton Feds 2+2, Chard Cons & Pros 6 Honiton WMC 0, Colyton Excons 5 Sidmouth WMC A A 1+2, Sidmouth WMC B 2 Chard Casuals 4.

Table	P	W	D	L	Bonus	Pts
Colyton Feds	6	3	0	3	16	33
Honiton Wonderers	5	5	0	0	0	25
Chard Cons & Pros	6	3	1	2	4	25
Chard Casuals	6	3	1	2	6	25
Honiton WMC	6	3	1	2	4	21
Colyton Excons	5	2	1	2	2	18
Sidmouth WMC B	6	0	3	3	6	18
Sidmouth WMC A	6	0	1	5	6	17

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Q How long have you been associated with Forton Rangers FC? Any other clubs?

A I have played for Forton ever since finishing university when I was 23, so about 11 years. Before that Chard Workies/Athletic/A (all the same team!) for about three seasons.

Q What are your hopes for Forton this season?

A Hopefully the First Team can get promoted from Division One after narrowly missing out three years on the trot. The Reserves just need to avoid relegation to consider it a good season, then rebuild next year.

Q Who are the best three players you've seen at FRFC - and why?

A The best was **Phil Major** - one of the best in the league at the time - very quick, natural athlete, could beat 10 players from back to front! **Mark Scott** and **Joe Simmons** were best young players.

Q How would you improve things at FRFC

A Get our new facility built. Hopefully this would attract a better level of player and allow us to move forward.

Q Who are your tips for the top and bottom two in Perry Street League Division One this season?

A Having been thrashed 6-0 by them, I would have to say Crewkerne, plus hopefully us for the top two. Whoever I pick for relegation will come back to haunt us, but maybe Thorncombe and Charmouth (sorry).

Q And finally name some of the best strikers you've encountered?

A I'd have to say my favourite battles have been with **Paul Gold** - we always have a good bit of banter! **Jason Hawker** always seems to score past me! Glad I didn't have to face the legend **Barry Male** too often!

NEXT WEEK: Winsham United Reserves' striker, and ex-club manager Richard White.

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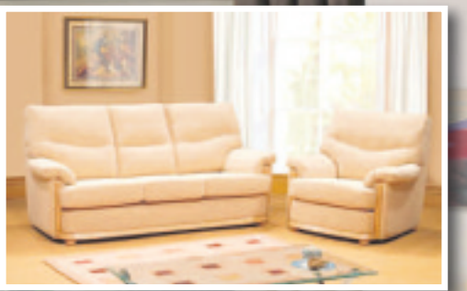

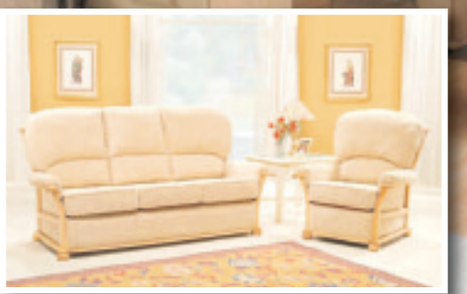

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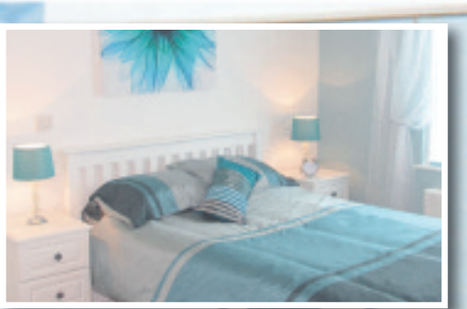

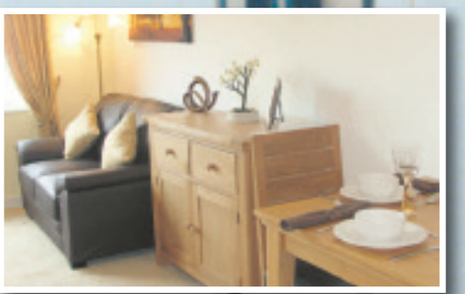

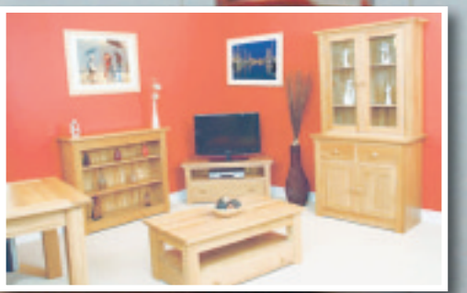

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